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LOWER INTEREST

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TALLAHASSEE, April 28.—The House committee on drainage today voted to make a unanimously favorable report on the bill to authorize the board of commissioners of the Everglades drainage district to issue refunding bonds as a part of plans for refinancing drainage work in that district.

The bill is the outcome of a board of commissioners for placing the financing of the district on a new basis. Earlier bonds issued to cover the drainage work bore 6 per cent with short maturities, the 60 being the only one saleable when the first bonds of the district were put on the market. The improved status of the district from a financial standpoint, however, has made it possible, it is said, for the bonds to be sold at 5 per cent bonds at a better price than received for the earlier 6s. This is added, is the first time Florida drainage bonds have been sold on a 5 per cent basis.

The plan of the board under the present bill is to call in, redeem and refund the outstanding 6s and 5 1-2s, and place the district on a 5 per cent basis. A better price is not obtained for 5 per cent bonds than were formerly received for the 6s, it is said.

Bonds not to exceed a total of \$14,250,000, including the present issues of approximately \$11,000,000 would be authorized under provisions of the bill.

Carrying out of the refinancing plans covered in the bill, which is stated, enable the board to utilize sufficient money from direct proceeds of taxes to eventually carry on the Everglades drainage work on a cash basis, without issuing bonds.

Ability to do so, however, depends upon an extension of the boundary lines of the district, with authority to levy a one mill tax, but without a levy of drainage taxes, and also upon provisions of a bill before the legislature to authorize imposition of drainage taxes on lands of the district which will make it possible to carry out the schedule, the refunding measure, authorized.

Drainage operations are approximately 50 per cent complete in the area where the work is now going on, it is said by Fred C. Elliot, chief drainage engineer.

Fire Control Bill

TALLAHASSEE, April 27.—Representative McAlister of Duval county introduced a bill in the House today to authorize the governor to appoint a warden and two assistants to constitute a board of fire control in the Everglades drainage district.

Members of the board would serve for four years unless removed by the governor. They would be empowered to do any and all acts necessary to conserve the muck lands of the district from fire.

**PROPOSED LAWS THAT
AFFECT THE EVERGLADES**

By Mr. Kurtz of Glades—House Bill No. 443.—To make it unlawful for live stock to run or roam at large in certain parts of Glades county, Florida, to provide for the impounding and sale of such live stock to running at large; to provide penalties for the violation of this act; providing that persons damaged by such stock running at large may recover the preference from the owner of such live stock. Local calendar.

By Mr. Doty of Hendry—House Bill No. 444.—Prescribing the maturities of time warrants, certificates of indebtedness, bonds or other evidences of debt issued in the state of Florida, that are payable from taxation. Committee on finance and taxation.

By Mr. Jennings of Okeechobee—House Bill No. 438.—To amend section 47, of chapter 8318, special acts of 1919, entitled an act to abolish the present municipal government of Okeechobee, in Okeechobee county, Florida, to legis-

ABANDON PLAN FOR BIG ALL-GLADES MEETING

The movement for a big meeting of delegates from all parts of the Lake Okeechobee region to consider road and drainage matters will be dropped for the time being, the promoters of the movement announced this week. It is found that everybody is too busy with the tomato crop to give serious consideration to the subjects proposed for action. The May 12 road bond election will have been held and the legislature will have adjourned before a general meeting can be held.

BUILD DREDGE TO PUMP LAKE SAND BEHIND ROAD

Improvement of Conners Property
North of Canal Point Under Way;
Holmes Makes Big Sale

Construction of a 12-inch section dredge has been started at Okeechobee to pump sand from the lake and fill the borrow pits on the east side of Conners Highway, this being part of the plan for the improvement of the W. J. Conners land that was bought from the Consolidated Land Company of Jacksonville. Clearing of the land on the lake side of the highway and of the sand bank has been under way for three weeks in preparation for a sales campaign that will be conducted this summer through the Great Lakes Navigation Company's office and vessels.

Sales will be made of tracts 100 feet wide, extending from the lake to the ridge.

Negotiations are under way for the sale of 2,700 acres of the Conners land back of the ridge at that point to a syndicate headed by W. P. Sligh of Tampa at a price near \$300 an acre. The deal was initiated by Major W. E. Holmes of Okeechobee. Abstracts of the title to the property are being prepared and payments on the contract will be due when the deed is tendered.

The prospective buyers state that they plan to plant the tract to bananas.

W. L. McGuffin, an officer of Mr. Conners' company, and William Dietrich of Palm Beach were due to leave West Palm Beach this week and meet Mr. Conners in New York to get his final approval of the plans for the summer sales campaign. Mr. and Mrs. Conners will sail for Europe May 2.

Application has been made to the trustees of the internal improvement fund for permission to make the fills on the lake front property with sand from Lake Okeechobee. The 12-inch section dredge will be equipped with an exceptionally heavy power to carry the sand the long distance from the lake to the east side of the highway. Sand will not be pumped back of the bulkhead until the form and manner of construction of the bulkhead are designed by R. V. Patterson, general manager of Conners Highway.

Drag-Line To Move Rock From Spoil Bank

To pull down the spoil bank opposite Lovatshatche, dist. 1, a Bucyrus drag-line machine went through Canal Point Lock Wednesday afternoon. The machine, now at a barge towed to Captain Al Schuler with the Armored Corporation's "Mormon." It is owned by F. A. McKenzie of Lakeland and had been used to make grade for the Seaboard Air Line railroad between Indian town and Okeechobee. Eugene S. McKenzie, the owner's brother, was in charge. The crew to operate it consists of nine men. The drag-line is model 30 of the type known as "5 C. O." being a crude oil burner.

While coming through St. Lucie canal about two weeks ago the barge sank and the machine went into water and the barge's cargo of oil went overboard. Nearly a week was consumed in getting the machine righted and pulled back the rock the dredge Lovatshatche is excavating from the bottom.

alize and validate the ordinances of said city of Okeechobee, and all official acts thereunder, to create and establish such municipality to be known as the city of Okeechobee, in Okeechobee county, Florida, and to fix and provide its territorial limits, jurisdiction and powers, and jurisdiction and the powers of its officers. Local calendar.

HAUL CARS FROM DEPOT NEXT WEEK

New Loading Place For
Tomatoes on F. E. C.
Railroad

SIDETRACK IS LAYD

Piles Being Driven For
Ice Plant; Frame UP
For Canning Plant

A sidetrack is being laid at the Vivian packing house south of the Florida East Coast railroad station and cars will be placed there next week for loading tomatoes and other vegetables for shipment. This will decrease the distance between fields and packing houses and packing houses and cars and relieve growers at Pahokee from having to truck crates to Sand Cut station three miles north of Canal Point, as trains will be run each evening from the depot.

Appearance of the lake front between Canal Point and Conners Farm is steadily changing as buildings are erected. Since the freight and passenger station of the railroad was built, the frame of the J. E. Carter packing house has gone up, the frame for the canning plant is up, and piles are being driven for the ice plant. E. A. Wolfe has started a dwelling house north of the packing house. Rev. Wm. Jesse Thomas is remodeling his dwelling, and G. A. Watkins has repaired his house.

Packing of tomatoes at the Carter packing house will start today.

Driving of piles for the foundation of the ice plant on the lake front between the railroad bridge and the depot started today. The Maxwell and Leonard pile driver being moved in from the Pahokee dock job. Captain Percy Conner brought the pile to Canal Point Tuesday from Lake Worth, who is putting in the ice plant. The piles moved to the site yesterday. Construction of the building will follow promptly. Mr. Howard said. Announcement was made several weeks ago that the machinery for the plant had been ordered, and it is expected that the plant will be making ice in a few months.

Pahokee Dock Done

Construction of a dock on the lake front at Pahokee was finished yesterday by Maxwell & Leonard, pile contractors, and the mail boat and other boats can now make landings at any time in any weather. More regular delivery of mail will result from use of the dock and the outgoing boats, tomatoes and other outgoing and incoming freight will be lessened.

The dock is 270 feet long and 20 feet wide, set on piles. All of the piles but one were driven to rock, the exception being a pile that went down 22 feet. The first rock was encountered at a point about 2 feet under water; other strata were 10 to 12 feet deep.

A 16-foot pontoon will be built at the end of the dock on the north side to make an L, 36 feet long.

Glades County Roads

TALLAHASSEE, April 24.—The senate committee on roads and highways, after considering Senator Etheredge's bill, authorizing the state road department to spend \$40,000 on state road 28, postponed definite action until a later date.

Senator Etheredge in supporting the bill stated to the committee that Glades county, in which the road is located, has been drowned out twice and has lost a great deal of money recently, and is therefore not financially able to do this work.

Senator Watson told the committee that the road is much needed. Senator Smith said that the whole future development of Glades county depended on this road.

Senator Hale, chairman of the committee, read a letter from Chairman Phillips, of the state road department stating that it was illegal for the road department to spend any money on this road without a special law providing for it.

Report A. C. L. Takes Over Clewiston R. R.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company took over the Moore Haven & Clewiston railroad on April 17, according to persons at Clewiston who are in position to know. It has long been known that the A. C. L. had a contract to buy the M. H. & C. railroad and that notice had been given that the option would be exercised. Application was made to the interstate commerce commission several weeks ago for permission to include the M. H. & C. road in the A. C. L. system. It is expected that by next winter Clewiston will be made the lay-over point for freight trains and passenger trains on the Haines City line. Moore Haven is now the terminal.

RECONSIDERED TO PAYING DOUBLE FOR DRAINAGE

Truckers and Grove Men At Plans
End of Lake Assent To Plans
For Pumping Systems

Sentiment favorable to pumping stations is developing among farmers who reside at the south end of Lake Okeechobee and among non-resident land owners who keep in touch with development there. The opinion that pumps are necessary is brought on by information that it will be many years before the Tallahassee commissioners of Everglades drainage district will provide sufficient outlets to furnish drainage by gravity. The sentiment favorable to pumping is strengthened by observation of the protection given in that manner to the South Shore Farms Company's avocado grove on the lake front east of Miami canal lock.

One of the projects is for a dike on the south line of sections 1 and 2 from Miami canal east to the southwest corner of section 6, thence diagonally to the southeast corner of section 7 and east between sections 8 and 17, 9 and 16, 10 and 15 thence from half a mile and take in the north half of section 14 and run to North New River canal. This would take in the South Bay townsite.

It is understood that H. O. Schering of the South Shore Farms Company and A. H. Bourley of Leesburg, who have avocado developments in this area, are favorable to the project.

Another plan proposed for inclusion in a pumping system is what is known as "the triangle," being the area bounded on the north and east by Hillsboro canal, on the south by lateral D and on the west by North New River canal and the Lake Okeechobee dike. Belle Glade is in this area. All areas that would be pumped would be enclosed in dikes with canals inside the dikes. The cost would be borne by increasing the acreage tax.

CLEWISTON DEVELOPER RETURNS TO ST. LUCIE

Isaac T. Cook of St. Louis, Mo., who is directing the development of land adjacent to Clewiston, visited Clewiston the latter part of last week for consultation with John W. Myers, treasurer, and F. Deane Duff, secretary, of Sugarland drainage district, which embraces a part of land that Cook is interested in. Mr. Cook left Clewiston Saturday afternoon on his return to St. Louis.

Mr. Cook's frequent visits to Clewiston indicates that he is vigorously pushing all matters connected with the enterprise there.

ONLY HOPE IS IN PUMPING SYSTEMS

Farmers Warned To
Prepare Against Likelihood of Flood

OUTLETS TOO SMALL

Responsibility Shifts
From 'State' Board
To Local Boards

Howard Sharp

I made a trip around the south shore of Lake Okeechobee Saturday and Sunday to gauge the sentiment of the people and see if I could learn something of the outlook for this region in the coming year, and everywhere I met uncertainty and doubt. People answered my questions with their own questions, and the question most frequently asked was, "What about St. Lucie canal, which is supposed to keep Lake Okeechobee from overflowing?" and I could not answer that question.

There is general expectation that the Glades will be flooded again this year if the normal amount of rain falls in a bunch either in this territory or in the watershed of Kissimmee river. Bitterness is everywhere expressed because the outlet canals have not been made large enough to carry off the water the laterals deliver to them.

"Elliot has always done everything we asked him—except the most important thing of getting the rock out of the canals." The reference is to the chief engineer of Everglades drainage district. That was said, in one form or another, by everybody I talked with, as it was said last year. There is a feeling through the district that in effort to placate individuals and sections, some money has been spent in a piddling fashion instead of in executing work of fundamental necessity. The chief engineer has earned the gratitude of few of the people with whose wishes he complied—but he has put some of them in a position where it is ungenerous of them to criticize him publicly as they criticize him privately. Wrath has been bottled up instead of its cause being removed.

As nearly as I can make out, people in the Lake Okeechobee region count on pumping plants to save them, and the outlook for the region in the coming year is therefore dependent on the speed with which dikes are constructed and pumping plants are put in.

The chief engineer and the commissioners of the main district have so maneuvered, it was pointed out, that supervisors of sub districts will have to collect a great deal of extra money in taxes and spend it for necessary works of reclamation, and when the chief engineer and the commissioners can point to the things accomplished and etc. "See what we did."

Figures from Tallahassee show the excavation of a certain quantity of "material" within a certain time at a certain cost; the statements do not show that the excavation is chiefly of soft muck, excavated at relatively small cost, and that the most expensive part of the work, the excavation of the rock, is yet to be done. It is confessed that excavation of the rock will require years.

Pumping plants are looked to as the

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The Everglades News is printed each Thursday. The paper for subscribers who live in the Lake Okeechobee communities are always put in the post office at Canal Point Thursday evening. The mail for the lake communities is made up that night and goes out on the Clewiston route mail boat Friday morning. Connection is supposed to be made Friday afternoon at Clewiston with the boat that carries mail to South Bay.

Except in one week of the flood in November of last year, there has not been a failure to have the paper in the Canal Point post office Thursday night in time for it to leave Friday morning for Clewiston.

If the Everglades News arrives late at Pahokee, Bacom Point, Kreamer, Clewiston, Moore Haven, Bare Beach, Ritta, South Bay, Okeelanta, Chosen or Belle Glade, subscribers will please understand that the delay was due to the bundles of papers left the Canal Point post office.

MAKING CITIES QUICKLY

However it may be elsewhere, most cities in Florida are made—they do not like. Topography, "just grow", and superiority in geographical situation, or possession of resources can be quickly offset by the quick and intelligent use of money. The made city quickly outstrips the community whose people depend upon geographical situation, or make other claims for their place without backing up their claims, and then the out-stripping made city provides itself with roads and possessions, both with everything it formerly lacked. There is an instance of this in Hollywood, where although there was no vestige of a harbor, a harbor is to be made, and made in less than a few years, where the original conditions were more favorable.

The natural lay of the land all over Florida is so much the same that no region has much advantage over another. Possession of water front, the most outstanding possible difference in localities, is no novelty, for there is a great deal of water-frontage in Florida. The chief difference is in the people who inhabit the localities.

Lack of a rich man to do things for a town need be no handicap, for the people of any community, if they are united, can vote bonds and get all the money needed for proper improvements.

The bad feature is that people in some of the communities want as much for nothing as the people in more enterprising communities get by buying. And worse than that, there are still some Florida communities where the residents don't want better conditions for themselves and don't care how much they make their fellow townsmen miss. Fortunately there are not many such communities or people. What to do with such as these are the problem.

SERVICE REWARDED

West Palm Beach has grown largely in the past five years and its growth has increased the deposits in the banks of that city as a natural consequence. The most recent statement of the First American Bank & Trust Company of West Palm Beach shows it to have deposits of more than six and a half millions of dollars and total resources of seven millions, and these figures show that the bank is even ahead of the city as a whole in growth.

Probably a part of the deposits was made by winter residents who leave some of their funds in West Palm Beach after they return to their northern homes. The winter residents of West Palm Beach are prosperous people—experienced business men, and their record of business to the bank is a tribute to its management; it is their declaration that it is a sound and well managed bank. This reinforces the good opinion home folks have of it. It is a fine thing that this entire region that the First American Bank & Trust Company has the favor of large depositors, for it puts the bank in position to add in the development of the territory. The statement shows that it has loans and discounts of \$2,729,212 and municipal bonds and securities of the value of \$1,848,544, as well as U. S. bonds and other items including \$383,718 in cash. The whole county can take pride in such an institution.

THE USE THAT WAS MADE OF POWER

For a good many years the commissioners and chief engineers of the Everglades Drainage District have had things pretty much their own way; it is rarely that any directing organization has as free a hand. It is rarely that as powerful a board is created for the direction of an industrial project, and to this board composed of men who already exercised great political power was given still more power.

Clothed with great power, initially, and this increased under the statute, the power of the board became still greater because a number of the Legislature challenged its proceedings of the drainage committee of the Legislature were perfunctory, and any further law the board called for was enacted without question.

They dealt with a simple engineering matter. They were provided with a plan; there were no complexities in the construction of the locks; the dams were to be of simple form; the excavation was enough soft material, in the main, and much of the rock a shelly limestone. On land devoid of marked elevation or ravines, there was nothing to produce new or unexpected conditions under any conditions except those of the drainage committee's inattention.

The credit of the state was available; that was hardly needed, however, because there was enough land owned by the state to guarantee the cost of the enterprise was sound, and the enterprise was presumed to be sound else it would not have been engaged upon.

There it was:AMPLE—every arbitrary power for the execution of a simple engineering matter and ample capacity to finance. And yet after all the years, to what a pitiful plight the thing has come!

A committee of the Miami Chamber of Commerce records the deliberate conclusion, after considering testimony, that "The complete drainage of the Everglades as a whole is something that is far in the distance, and will take a great number of years to accomplish." After spending about 10 million dollars the state drainage officials declare the finances to be in such a parlous state that the drainage areas should contribute funds not as a duty because of benefits rendered through drainage but as an expedient, to assist bond buyers in selling their wares. Farmers and enterprisers are told that the time is uncertain when water can be drained off and that if water is to be removed it must be lifted off by pumps.

The Everglades has come under the administration of the "state drainage board" at Tallahassee to the point where land salesmen feature it as a merit of their property that it "is not Everglades land."

THE WITHHELD PROGRAM

There is a crisis in the affairs of Everglades Drainage District. Members of the board of commissioners, involved in manifold official duties, in politics and personal affairs, seemingly have little conception of the perilousness of the situation and how it may affect their careers and reputations.

The drainage board is reported to have a program. That program may have been communicated to persons in a select circle. Representative McCracken may have views that he has discussed in a select circle. But the great number of residents of the upper Glades have not been informed or communicated with.

The clerk and the engineer of the drainage board answer only such questions as they choose to answer.

The fear of reprisals from the Tallahassee clique still paralyzes action on the part of many men of large interests in the Everglades, and that is one of the factors that creates the crisis in drainage affairs. It is a dangerous situation and threatens distress in wider areas than Everglades Drainage District.

A TRIBUTE TO A POET

The Muse has again inspired the poet laureate of township 44, range 43, and his latest song is printed in a recent issue of the Palm Beach Times. As "Homer smote his blooming lyre," so Mr. Sed Whitcher struck his harp, and he comments on things which concern the Everglades "matchless in fertility" but afflicted on occasions with "flood and frost," phrases not unheard at Rouse's club luncheons.

It may be complained by the caviling critics of Mr. Sed Whitcher that his spelling is not of the latest mode; it may even be said that his grammar is not fit to teach, but what of it? Chaucer and James Russell Lowell's "Biglow Papers"? It is true that he rides no Pegasus; though he records the short and simple annals of the poor little real estate men south of West Palm Beach, the vehicle of his verse is more like an early model flivver, but it cannot be denied that he makes his meaning clear, and this is a merit. We have followed the rise of the poet laureate of township 44, range 43, from its inception and noted the slow but certain improvement in form and meter. Starting in prose and celebrating the achievements of pitchers and shortstops, his poetic vision has swelled and broadened, and in order that his compelling product not be lost to posterity his poem "We Haint Dun Athing" is printed elsewhere on this page.

Mr. Sed Whitcher will not puncture the smug complacency of those West Palm Beach persons at whom his shaft of ridicule is directed—their lack of perception is an armor that protects them—but he will dent it.

HANDICAPERS

A man was negotiating last week for a lot in a subdivision in a townsite in the upper Everglades. As the deal was being concluded the owner of the property said: "I had a blue print made but the state is resurveying the meander line and I may have to make this contract for the deed subject to the state's new survey."

The trustees of the internal improvement fund are responsible for the important developments are held up in matters that are affected by state surveys. The chief engineer of Everglades drainage district seems to be the man who directs the surveys.

There is an entire townsite in the Everglades where the deal for its sale was hung up for months because of uncertainty as to survey lines.

ONLY HOPE IS IN PUMPING SYSTEMS

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only way out—as evils, but as inescapable evils. The agitation for pumping plants comes in the main from people who have visited Tallahassee or are in communication with the "state" drainage board; they say it will be years and years before the main canals will be in condition to give drainage by gravity, and this makes it look as if the Tallahassee crowd is not only trying to force pumping on the people but is succeeding in it.

Lake Okeechobee is at dangerously high elevation. It is a foot higher than it was in April or May of either 1923 or 1924—the country was flooded in October of 1924 when the lake was two feet lower than it is now. The canals, including the Lade, are not in good shape to dispose of water as they were last summer. This being the case a flood in 1925 is certain if similar rainfall conditions prevail.

Of course 1925 may be a dry year, there may be deficiency in rainfall in the lake region or the Kissimmee watershed area, in which case a justification for pumping systems is that they can be used as fire department organizations to keep the muck from burning up. That is something else that is put on the local boards and relieves the Tallahassee officials but for which the "state" board members will take credit when they run for office again.

Pumping systems call for pumping water out to have it run over the land. The land year after year is not in pumping units and there you are again.

WEE HAIN'T, DUN ATHING

By Sed Whitcher, in *Palm Beach Times*.

Our Back Countree 'tize use thee"
Wee sing, and sing, and sing,
But ez for correctest effing,
Hain't never dun a thing.

Matchless in fertility
With every nown facility,
The hull year delatful spring
But we hain't dun a thing.

We aire too hizzzy hatchin' plots
Too ketch turrits on our lots.
Vit in thee plots we alluz sing
"Back Countree"—but we hain't dun a thing.

Let Conners, Mathews, Gree and Ford
And all the other princely lords
Inter our coffers treasures bring,
But recly, we culdent do a thing.

Let sugar mills pump up galore,
And Collier, Edliss, and many more
Pore in there millluns—We'll sing and sing,
But recly, we culdent do a thing.

We sing our peccavel lillibly
And offer as our ally
"Flood and frost," and cting
Our sinking ship—a sing and sing—
and sing—

"Let George do hit." Oh thet is iz fine,
But cum and worship ot our shrine,
Wee put hit over with a bang,
Although we didn't do a thing.

We use curse we culdent take any stockz
Invalving mouie and effing, but wee'l
knowck—
And, recly, whilst wee sing
And, recly, the harvest but, we culdent
do a thing.

NOTES OF A FLYING VISIT TO TOWNS ON LAKE OKEECHOBEE'S SOUTH SHORE

Howard Sharp

Among the passengers on the McCoy Everglades Line boat 8 Bells Saturday when I started on a trip around the lake were Harry J. Wood, president of the Fort Myers Real Estate Board, and Earl A. Bobbett, the secretary of the organization. They were returning home after a visit to Hollywood, made at the invitation of the Hollywood sales organization. Mr. Wood and Mr. Bobbett showed interest in the Lake Okeechobee region and they are hopeful that the road bond election on May 12 will be favorable.

The 8 Bells got to Clewiston a little after 12 o'clock and after lunch at the Clewiston Hotel on the passengers boarded a bus at 1:30 and went on through to Fort Myers. I took the Moore Haven & Clewiston train and went to Moore Haven, making the trip for no other purpose than to see the country between those towns.

The damage to the tomato crop at Liberty Point, between Clewiston and Moore Haven, was 100 per cent. I was told—everything being wiped out. In 1921 one of the loading stations in that locality shipped 75 cars of tomatoes; this shows that the locality can make tomatoes but that ditches and pumping systems are required.

The train left on its return to Clewiston 15 minutes after its arrival at Moore Haven, so I did not have time to go up town, but I noticed that a dredge was working a block to two away from the depot. J. H. Holcomb, the civil engineer, told me it was a Stone Development Company dredge. He was on his way to Miami and promised to stop at Canal Point on his way back and tell me more about the work at Moore Haven. He made a remark that interested me a good deal; he said he was going to stop in West Palm Beach and order some surveyors' supplies from Gene Smith because he could get them 20 per cent cheaper than by ordering from the north. Bully for Gene! That helps save West Palm Beach from the reputation of being the highest-priced place on earth.

A big field near Liberty Point had just been plowed and the brakeman on the train said Mr. McElroy was going to plant in a corn crop there. O. L. Ramsey, who took over Tom O'Brien's interest in the Clewiston Survey Company store, gave me a subscription when I asked him. He told me he ran a weekly newspaper in

the northern part of the state in his young and unregenerate days. The thing back to Clewiston as soon as I can and visit him and have him tell me about his experiences and how he managed to get out of the newspaper business.

The South Bay Growers Association has built an addition to its packing house at Clewiston and there it boards and sleeps its employees. A superintendent told me that the Clewiston Hotel wanted \$17 a week for board and room. Ten dollars a week is the rate at the Glades Hotel at Canal Point.

The Clewiston Packing Company is the only firm I know of that brands its tomatoes as being from the Everglades. The label reads: "Royal Palm Brand, sold on the market by Robert T. Cochran & Co. Best of the Everglades produce." I like that. This thing of making it appear that our Glades tomatoes are east coast produce and selling them as such and then claiming that muck-grown tomatoes "won't carry" makes me sore. Some packing houses make it appear that some of these tomatoes are east coast produce and selling them as such and then claiming that muck-grown tomatoes "won't carry" makes me sore.

"Royal Palm" is not a wrong term for use on the southwestern side of the lake, for this species of palm is to be seen from the boat all along the lake front between Clewiston and South Bay.

Why aren't there some Royals or more Royals on Lake Okeechobee? Young Mr. Van Horn, pilot on the boat Maye E. on which we read from Clewiston to South Bay, told me his folks had ordered 100 pounds of sodium arsenate and would spray it on the water hyacinths in an effort to get rid of the pests. A. H. Bourley of Leesburg, who with State Treasurer J. C. Luning has an avocado grove in that locality, told the Van Horns about this poison.

I stayed at the South Bay Hotel Saturday night and about 10 o'clock I joined a party of Okeelanta people and rode with them in a boat to Belle Glade, where we had dinner. Two or three motor parties were out from the east coast. I heard of several real estate deals but as none of them are closed it is premature to write of them now. At Belle Glade I encountered Will Jernigan and Henry Kolstad from the sugar mill, who had been to Gladesview Farms and then went on to Belle Glade to see the country and I came back with them.

Report of the Condition of THE BANK OF PAHOKEE

No. 291
at Pahokee in the state of Florida at the close of business April 18, 1925.

Resources	
All other Loans and Discounts	\$80,480.01
Overdrafts	700.27
United States Bonds	145.81
State, County and Municipal Bonds	8,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	2,486.40
Due from Incorporated Banks	91,077.29
Claims and other resources	2,306.72
Cash on Hand	8,778.17
Total	194,975.17
Liabilities	
Capital Stock Paid in	\$15,000.00
Undivided Profits (Less Expenses and Taxes Paid)	1,084.90
Individual Deposits Subject to check	162,883.96
Savings Deposits	3,998.50
Time Certificates of Deposit	3,530.00
Cashiers Checks Outstanding	6,019.43
All Other Liabilities	2,458.38
Total	194,975.17

State of Florida, County of Palm Beach, ss.
I, E. G. Kilpatrick, Jr., cashier of the above-named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. G. Kilpatrick, Jr., Cashier.

CORRECT ATTEST

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 24 day of April, 1925.
Hilda Lee, Notary Public.
(Seal)
My commission expires Jan. 7, 1929.



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No. 85 Coaches-Sleepers1:15 AM
No. 37 Coaches-Sleepers5:30 AM
No. 39 All Pullman8:05 AM
No. 41 Coaches-Sleepers9:15 AM
No. 33 All Pullman7:35 PM
No. 33 Coaches and Parlor9:30 PM
No. 29 Coaches and Parlor9:45 PM

Northbound
No. 86 Coaches-Sleepers3:45 AM
No. 30 Coaches and Parlor7:45 AM
No. 34 All Pullman11:10 AM
No. 36 Coaches-Sleepers9:35 AM
No. 42 Coaches-Sleepers1:10 PM
No. 38 Coaches-Sleepers7:35 PM
No. 40 All Pullman9:50 PM

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There are going to be two or
three good towns built in the
Everglades. South Bay, on the
South Shore of Lake Okechobee,
will be one of them.

The South Shore lands are
some of the richest and are lo-
cated in the very heart of the
Everglades.

This land in the next few
years will be the most valuable
land in the South. In the next
five years with the improve-
ments now started we will be
surprised ourselves along with
the whole world.

Do not write. Come and stay
long enough to see conditions as
they are now. Then you can
imagine just about what will
take place in a very short time.
I know the South Shore of
Lake Okechobee.

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MINUTES OF I. I. F. BUT NOT OF OTHER

Proceedings of State
Drainage Board Not
Printed Lately

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Minutes of Two Boards
Formerly Printed In
Same Volume

The article which follows is writ-
ten by a man who has kept in touch
with Everglades drainage affairs
for many years. The name of the
writer is withheld but The Ever-
glades News assumes responsibil-
ity for his statements in this article.

While the trustees of the Internal
Improvement Fund and the board
of commissioners of Everglades Drainage
District are identical personally, their
duties as members of these two boards
are by no means the same.

Before and including Governor
Trammell's administration the minutes
of the two boards were published in the
biennial report of the trustees of the
Internal Improvement Fund. Since
January 1, 1925, to December 31, 1916
(Volume XII, minutes of the trustees
of the I. I. Fund), I find no reference
to the proceedings of the board of com-
missioners of Everglades Drainage
District.

On March 14, 1915, a contract was
made with the Furst-Clark Construc-
tion Company and the board of com-
missioners of Everglades Drainage
District to construct St. Lucie canal
from Lake Okechobee to St. Lucie
river for eight cents per cubic yard for
earth excavation and twenty cents per
cubic yard for rock excavation, as per
specifications in the contract. Pages
38 to 54, Vol. XI, Minutes of the trust-
ees of the board of Internal Improve-
ment.

Since the publication of this report I
find no reference to any modification
of this contract; or contracts with any
other persons, firm or corporation for
construction of canals or other work
by the board of commissioners of Ever-
glades Drainage District, physical or
financial. Full reports of the trustees
of the Internal Improvement Fund—
expenditures, receipts of taxes, pro-
ceeds of land sales—are made. I find
no reference to the expenditures of the
board of commissioners of Everglades
Drainage District in the performance
of their duty of draining the Ever-
glades. They are not given in the
minutes of the trustees of the I. I. Fund
since December 31, 1916.

While I have no reason to doubt the
correctness of the articles from Talla-
hassee as to the miles of canals, the
number of locks and yardage, as re-
ported as given by Mr. Elliot, I am
impressed that a detailed report of the
expenditures of the board of com-
missioners of Everglades Drainage Dis-
trict should be published for the in-
formation of the public, the taxpayers.

It is not fair nor just to charge the
chief engineer with the duty of super-
intending of construction of dredges,
canals and locks, and also the details
of the engineer's office, nor with the
financial policy of the trustees of the
I. I. Fund nor the board of commission-
ers of Everglades Drainage District.
Either position, chief engineer or su-
perintendent of construction, is suffi-
cient to constantly employ a competent
man.

I have no criticism to make of either
the boards nor their employees. It is a
big undertaking, and unfortunately, the
opinions and suggestions of too many
inexperienced men, particularly "ex-
perts" are considered—men who have
little knowledge of drainage and less
of agriculture. Navigation and trans-
portation are not involved in the agri-
cultural problem; nor the conditions of
the trust to drain the lands for agricul-
tural purposes.

Unfortunately, the Randolph Com-
mission suggested the holding up ("con-
trolling" the flow) of St. Lucie canal
to create an electric power plant, with
a primary capacity of 5,000 horse power.
This was an unfortunate suggestion.
They were employed to devise a method
of drainage of the Everglades, not to
make a mill-pond of Lake Okechobee.
I note your article in your issue of
April 3 "Elliot Overdoes Raising of
Canal." Had Mr. Elliot followed the
plan of the Randolph Report, as stated
on page 60—opened the St. Lucie canal
to full capacity and maintained it un-
til the storm period passed—the disas-
trous overflow of October, 1924, would
not have occurred.

GLADES WEATHER

Record of meteorological observa-
tions taken by the undersigned as a co-
operative observer of the Weather Bu-
reau of the U. S. Department of Agricul-
ture during the week ending April
26, 1925.

Date	High	Low	Rain
20	87	63	0.00
21	86	64	0.00
22	81	67	0.00
23	81	60	0.00
24	83	61	0.00
25	83	60	0.00
26	84	62	0.00

H. P. PETERSON,
Cooperative Observer.

Canal Point, Fla.

Temperature, sunshine and rainfall
record at Canal Point, Fla., for week
ending April 26, 1925.

Date	High	Low	Rain
20	86	45	0.00
21	83	55	0.00
22	77	61	0.04
23	78	54	0.00
24	79	66	0.00
25	83	55	0.00
26	85	54	0.00

Average 82 54
Sunshine 77 hours, 25 minutes.

Rain since Jan. 1, 1925, 12.63 inches.
Gauge above lock 18.3 feet; gauge be-
low lock 15.5 feet. Read 8.30 a. m.
April 26, 1925.

Everglades Experiment Station,

Belle Glade, Fla.
Record of temperature, rainfall and
evaporation at Everglades Experiment
Station for week ending, Saturday,
April 18, 1925.

Date	Temperature Max.	Min.	Rain- fall	Evapo- ration
12	84	45	0.00	0.306
13	78	50	0.00	0.215
14	84	54	0.00	0.222
15	84	55	0.00	0.257
16	84	62	0.16	0.146
17	79	65	0.61	0.089
18	79	61	2.71	0.284

GEO. E. TEDDER, Recorder.

Moore Haven

Record of meteorological observa-
tions taken by the undersigned as a
cooperative observer of the Weather
Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agricul-
ture during the week ending
April 18, 1925.

Date	High	Low	Rain
12	79	51	0.00
13	81	52	0.00
14	81	57	0.00
15	81	66	0.00
16	78	69	0.07
17	79	68	0.29
18	84	64	1.35

M. VALAER,
Cooperative Observer.

Moore Haven

Record of meteorological observa-
tions taken by the undersigned as a
cooperative observer of the Weather
Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agricul-
ture during the week ending
April 25, 1925.

Date	High	Low	Rain
19	85	62	1.98
20	85	62	0.00
21	85	62	0.00
22	80	62	0.15
23	80	60	0.00
24	81	61	0.00
25	82	61	0.00

M. VALAER,
Cooperative Observer.

Everglades Experiment Station,

Belle Glade, Fla.
Temperature, rainfall and evapora-
tion for the week ending April 25, 1925.

Date	Temperature Max.	Min.	Rain- fall	Evapo- ration
19	79	58	0.15	0.152
20	83	56	0.00	0.225
21	86	57	0.00	0.343
22	85	62	0.00	0.152
23	80	54	0.00	0.275
24	81	57	0.00	0.254
25	84	56	0.00	0.256

GEO. E. TEDDER, Recorder.

In Circuit Court, 15th Judicial Circuit,
Palm Beach County, Florida, in
Chancery.

Clarence A. Van Tassel, Complainant,
vs. Edna L. Van Tassel, Defendant.
To Edna L. Van Tassel, Defendant:
You are hereby ordered to appear to
the bill of complaint filed against you
in the above stated cause, on the 1st
day of June, 1925, or in default thereof,
a decree pro confesso will be entered
against you.

It is further ordered that this order
be published once a week for four con-
secutive weeks in The Everglades
News, a newspaper published in said
county, at Canal Point, Florida.

Witness my official signature and the
seal of said court, at West Palm Beach,
Florida, this 27th day of April, A. D.
1925. FRED E. FENNO,
Clerk of Circuit Court, Palm Beach
County, Florida.

By Merle P. Johnston, D. C.
(Circuit Court Seal)
Edgar C. Thompson,
Solicitor for Complainant.

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I. I. Board To Act On Titles to Lake Front

Trustees of the internal improvement fund, with headquarters at Tallahassee, will come to Pahokee soon after adjournment of the legislature and view land on the lake front and take action to settle definitely the ownership of land between the water and the ridge.

This is the promise Governor John W. Martin and other members of the board gave last week to Dr. W. H. Lair and J. R. Poland, who went to adjust the status of the lake front portions of section 8 and 18. Ernest Lindrosc accompanied them to Tallahassee on real estate business and met Representative McCracken.

During their stay in Tallahassee Dr. Lair and Mr. Poland had conversations with members of the board on several occasions. The question of ownership of the land was gone into fully but Governor Martin said he would not express an opinion until he had time to study the subject and look over the ground.

The erection of a large and modern hotel, one or more business blocks and several dwelling houses await the adjudication of the question of ownership of land in sections 8 and 18.

PAHOKEE

The dock will be completed this week. Boats can now safely land.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stucky are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Padgett. Woman's Club will hold its regular business meeting next Monday, May 4th.

Mrs. L. T. Keen has returned from Lakeland, where she visited her daughter.

R. J. Schroeder attended the annual session of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. in Jacksonville this week.

Greenberg & Co., of Miami are buying ripe vegetables and all kinds of farm products on East Beach.

Dr. and Mrs. Lair and Mrs. Homer Vivian and daughter and Marshall Lair and Howard Sharp visited Okeechobee Tuesday.

Mr. Redmond, representing the Morse & Rodgers Shoe Company of New York, visited Peoples Supply Company this week.

Messrs. R. M. Pierce and C. E. Bull of El-Mirasol development at Okeechobee, are here in the interest of their company.

Mr. Sutton passed through here yesterday on his way to Kreamer Island. Mr. Spencer, salesman for Beutley-Gray Dry Goods Company of Tampa, was in town this week.

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PAHOKEE

MAIL MOVES SLOWLY ON LAKE OKEECHOBEE

A letter mailed at Kreamer Island Tuesday, April 21, was received in Canal Point on the evening of Thursday, the 23d. A letter mailed at Sanford at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday, April 22, was received at the office of The Everglades News in the same mail that brought the letter from Kreamer. A letter postmarked "Rita, April 17, a. m." got to Canal Point on the evening of April 23. The weather bureau card from Moore Haven postmarked April 19 did not reach Canal Point until the evening of April 23. There was similar delay in the transmission of letters from Clewiston to Canal Point. News letters from South Bay and Okeelanta came in late.

The Glades County Democrat, published at Moore Haven, of date April 17 reached Canal Point six days after publication. The LaBelle Current of the same date was delayed likewise.

We do not know the cause or causes of these delays, but we mention the circumstance for the information of the persons who write to The Everglades News and wonder why they do not get answers from us promptly.

We do not know what to do about it, other than to put on record these instances of the time that is taken for mail to move between points that are not far apart.

Advise your friends to subscribe for The Everglades News.

RUMOR

Frank Friend

Oh, how sad that we sinners who sail the same boat Cannot see in our brothers but just the small boat.

Though we know not the motive and see not the heart,

Yet our words and our actions will pierce like a dart.

For we talk of his blunders and see his mistakes—

Of his deeds that are good not a mention we make.

For it's good Brother Jones and it's dear Sister Brown

That will carry a rumor quite well over town

Till it's hard to relate how much damage is done.

Yet there's no one can tell where that rumor began.

And there's no one can tell if it's false or it's true—

We just simply delight to be 'telling what's new.

If we're born of the devil or born from above,

It's our actions will tell if there's hatred or love,

For no matter how pious, how righteous we claim,

If we love not our brother in sin we remain,

For if we were advancing and growing in grace

We would love all the people who live near our place.

TOBACCO IN MUCK SOIL

W. H. Swando, who comes from a tobacco growing section of Kentucky, has grown some tobacco plants at Belle Glade. The plants grew so rank that he was not sure it was tobacco until they were well advanced. Tobacco has been planted at many points in the Glades over a long term of years. Kitchin & Hale grew some at Belle Glade about four years ago and Walter Rosenberg had some grown on Connors Farm when Felix Whidden was the manager. Pioneers at Davie, Glade-crest and Okeelanta grew tobacco as decorative plants, but nowhere have the experiments been carried over long enough period and with sufficient variations to give a line on the practicability of tobacco culture as a commercial enterprise.

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CANAL POINT

School having closed, Miss Sadie Cochran is clerking in the Highway Store.

A surprise party was given Miss Ruby Lowe Monday evening of last week, the occasion being her birthday.

Mrs. D. P. Woodward, formerly of Glenwood, Ga., is visiting Mrs. A. L. Pope while Mr. Woodward gets located in Florida.

Mrs. E. D. Sims of West Palm Beach was a guest of Mrs. A. L. Pope Monday while en route with Mr. Sims to Okkechohee.

The McCoy Line boat Crocodile, which has been on the ways at Okkechohee, was due back in Canal Point today (Thursday).

Having arranged to become postmaster, Robert M. Baker has resigned as manager of the Highway Store. It is not known who will succeed him in the store.

William Earl Lowe and Miss Laura Covan, both of Royalton, Pa., were married at that place Easter Sunday. Mr. Lowe is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Lowe of Canal Point.

County Superintendent Youngblood visited Canal Point Saturday. He was accompanied by a man who may be an applicant for the position of teacher in the agricultural vocational school.

J. H. Holcomb passed through Canal Point Tuesday on his way to Miami, where he went Saturday to get data and sign a contract to lay out and subdivide section 7, township 41, range 29, on the south side of Fishcating creek, the townsite to be called Palmdale Heights.

Mr. Holcomb will run two crews, handling one himself and hiring an assistant engineer to run the other crew. The contract price for the engineering work is \$8,000.

A fleet of automobiles, made up of the several models of the Buick, Lincoln, Stars, Flints and Durants—came out from West Palm Beach Tuesday and stopped at the Canal Point Garage, which is the local representative of the line.

After a short stay, during which the cars were looked over by prospective buyers, they went on to Okkechohee and thence to Moore Haven. All of the Star agencies in the south end of the state will be visited.

Matt C. Lewis of Lake Worth, secretary and manager of the Florida Agricultural Corporation, has returned to Lake Worth from a three-weeks visit to his old home in Michigan. His company owns the 300 acres east of Canal Point which is known as "Wo Kee Lau Farm."

In a letter sending \$2 for reward, he says: "I have been well satisfied with your paper since subscribing for it a year ago and would be lost without it."

MCCOY LINE BOAT SHIFTS ITS RUN TO CLEWISTON

Shorter Route Lessens Time of Trip Between West Palm Beach and Fort Myers

The McCoy Everglades Line boat 8 Bells now runs from Canal Point to Clewiston instead of to Moore Haven, the change to Clewiston having been made last week. The boat leaves on the same schedule as before—that is, on the arrival of the bus from West Palm Beach at 10 o'clock, and it reaches Clewiston at noon, where a stop is made for lunch. The Clark Line bus receives the boat's passengers at Clewiston and takes them to Fort Myers, that city being reached at the same hour as heretofore.

Because the distance between Canal Point and Clewiston is less than the distance between Canal Point and Moore Haven, the boat reaches Canal Point on its return two hours earlier than before. It gets to Canal Point at 4 o'clock and the bus delivers the passengers in West Palm Beach by 6 o'clock.

The Hendry county road between Clewiston and LaBelle is said to be in good condition and the trip between those points in the bus is a comfortable one.

Miami Man Prepares To Set Avocado Trees

In the belief that such conditions now exist as to justify it, Bar A. Wolfe of Miami is building a house on his lots on the lake front and county road near the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Jesse Thomas. Although he will retain Miami as his place of residence for the present, he will stay in Canal Point several weeks. Unless he makes other arrangements the house will be rented after its completion.

Mr. Wolfe came to Florida from Benji, Minn., and selected a location on Lake Okkechohee as one most nearly meeting his ideal. He had visited the east coast and then the west coast and he put out an avocado grove south of Fort Myers. When those trees were killed by frost and flood he looked over the Lake Okkechohee section, still seeking a location for an avocado grove, and in 1919 bought the 10 acres on the beach convinced that it was the

best location in the world. Happily he delayed setting trees, so he had nothing to lose when this section was flooded in 1922.

He still has the purpose to establish an avocado grove but he will wait and watch the level of the lake before setting trees. In the meantime he will get a dwelling house ready.

PASS MORE LAKE WATER THROUGH THIS SPILLWAY

West Palm Beach Canal Chief Agency of Three Is Making Lower Elevation

Canal Point spillway was passing more water from the lake the latter part of last week than was either of two other spillways, and Hillsboro spillway was passing less water than any of the others. At Canal Point, South Bay and Chosen the lake was at the same elevation, there being no wind. The three canals—West Palm Beach, North New River and Hillsboro—were all at about the same elevation; that is, at about 154 to 155 feet, with West Palm Beach canal higher than any of the others.

When the editor of The Everglades News made a tour of the south end of the lake Saturday and Sunday he did not have time to look at the gauge at Moore Haven and the boat did not stop at Miami canal.

People from Okkechohee said North New River canal was again clogged with beechinths, as there was not enough current in that canal to carry them down stream.

Hillsboro canal appeared to be very low southeast of the point below Belle Glade at which the dredge Panama was working.

All of the ditches between 20-mile bend and Canal Point were discharging into West Palm Beach canal, that being low enough to receive the water coming in from the adjacent country.

M. E. COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Preaching service, 11 a. m. Subject, "Consider the Lilies."

Evening services, 8 p. m.—Subject, "God's World and Man's World."

Mid-week service, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Mrs. C. R. Baker, leader. Every one welcome.

Choir practice Friday at the home of Rev. Thomas. Mrs. Raborn leader.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A congregation of the Baptist church, to be known as the First Baptist church of Canal Point, was organized at a meeting held at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Election of officers was deferred until after next Sunday, when a Sunday school will be organized at the same place.

Rev. E. L. Williamson, pastor of the Baptist church at Palokoke, was called to the pastorate of the Canal Point Baptist church. He preached a sermon last Sunday at the meeting at which the congregation was organized.

BAPTIST MEETING

Elder E. L. Gilleline of Tribby, Fla., editor and manager of the "Landmark" Baptist paper, will start a meeting in Canal Point the first Monday in May, which will be May 4.

The arrangement was made through J. J. Geiger, who conducted the correspondence on behalf of other members of the sect here. An invitation is extended to the general public.

CROSS ON NEW BRIDGES

AND RIDE AROUND LAKE

To see what is the condition of the tomato crop in the Lake Okkechohee country, W. D. Horne and E. L. Sessions left Canal Point Saturday forenoon and went clear around the lake, returning Sunday afternoon by way of Okkechohee City. The trip was made in a Ford coupe and it is the first time such a trip was ever made. It was possible because a bridge has been built across Miami canal. Until Mr. Horne and Mr. Sessions did it, no one had put a car across the canal on the bridge.

Leaving Canal Point Saturday forenoon, Mr. Horne and Mr. Sessions went to 20-mile bend on Conners Highway, thence on Okkechohee road to Belle Glade and on to South Bay. At South Bay they crossed North New River canal on John Gray's boat Bernice.

From there on they turned the Ford loose and it followed the beach to Moore Haven, where they swung the bridge themselves and put boards in position on the approaches, landing at Bolles Hotel. They went on to Clewiston and as the hotel there was full-up, they continued to Moore Haven, where they spent the night. The trip from Moore Haven to state road No. 8 was made by way of Indian Prairie. They only got through on the prairie but helped out a motorist who was stuck in quick sand.

Mr. Sessions and Mr. Horne learned that very severe damage was done to tomatoes on the west side of the lake by the rains on April 17 and 18.

R.M. Baker, Postmaster Mrs. Adams Resigns

Mrs. A. W. Adams stated Wednesday that she had tendered her resignation as postmaster at Canal Point and had recommended Robert M. Baker as her successor.

Mr. Baker will take charge of the office today. He will take the examination which is to be held at West Palm Beach and as it is unlikely that any one else will be an applicant his formal appointment is expected.

He will maintain the post office in its present quarters for the present but the building, desires its use for another purpose, the office will shortly be moved, probably to a room in the west side of the Thomas store.

Mrs. Adams found the hours too long and the work too hard for her. She probably will take a connection with a real estate firm handling West Palm Beach and Everglades properties.

Tomato packers tickets printed at The News office.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Special Tax District No. 1 of Palm Beach County, Florida, on the 5th day of May A. D. 1925, at the City Hall, West Palm Beach, in said Special Tax District, for the purpose of electing three trustees to hold office until 1927 and to fix the number of mills of district tax for said district to be levied and collected annually for the succeeding two years.

J. A. YOUNGBLOOD, Superintendent of Public Instruction, A. S. ANDERSEN, Chairman.

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A man, woman or child can come into this store and get most anything that is wanted for home or farm. If you haven't been in lately come in and see us.

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The Growing Store

MOORE HAVEN

(From Glades County Democrat)

Rev. W. P. Wheeler who for the past year has been pastor of the Moore Haven Baptist church has accepted a call to the church at Lake Worth and leaves in time to take up his work in the new field on the first of May.

Sheriff Richards has ordered all slot machines taken from the places of business in Moore Haven, deeming that they were not allowed by the state laws against gambling devices. There has been quite an epidemic of these machines in the county and the boys and girls were playing them much too freely.

The Moore Haven Luncheon Club has arranged with the local drainage engineer, Fred Flinders, to have the Holloway dredge, now at work on Three-Mile canal, put out surplus material for use on yards and walks, etc., by anyone who desires to use such material. The club hires the dredge for one day to put out material, paying therefor \$350.00.

Those of us who have been watching carefully the proceedings of the Florida legislature are pretty well satisfied at the work accomplished by the Glades county delegation. That representative of ours, R. E. Kurtz, evidently is going after a record that will give him even higher honor than the position he now occupies.

F. N. Chaplin of Miami was in Moore Haven Sunday on his way to Miami, from which place he left for Tallahassee to take part in the fight for legislation favorable to the early completion of Everglades drainage. Mr. Chaplin is a member of the legislative committee of the Everglades Reclamation Association.

Henry Hall of Miami, for many years a resident of Moore Haven, is back for a few weeks on business. He is helping out with the rush of work at the Glades Loan and Investment Company's office while in town.

News was received by Mrs. Glenn Williams of the death of Mrs. C. H. Dow, wife of Rev. Dow, the first minister of the Methodist church here. Mr. and Mrs. Dow lived in Moore Haven until about two and one-half years ago going back to University Place, Neb. They still have their home property on Baker Highway.

OKEECHOBEE

(From The News.)

A telegraphic order for seven carloads of material to start construction of the Hotel Southland was sent from Orlando immediately after the contract for construction was signed there by Contractor J. C. Henner last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Under the terms of the contract the cost of the building will be \$104,000 and it is to be finished by October 1. The contractor is to forfeit \$100 per day for each day after October 1 that the structure is not completed.

Contractor C. E. Walker has purchased a fine drag line machine which he has added to his equipment for work and drainage. It is the P. & H. type of machine and cost in round figures \$10,362.

The move for a \$100,000 high school building was unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed at the luncheon of the Exchange Club on Monday.

Wm. R. Page of Miami has bought four lots on South Parrot avenue, a portion of the Underhill property and is going ahead with his plans for establishing a tourist camp.

Notice of application for a charter for the Citizens Building & Loan Company has been published.

W. W. Lisenby and Miss Maude Evelyn Maroney were married Sunday. Mr. Lisenby is originally from Dublin, Ala., now holding a position with the Inter-County Telephone Company at Fort Myers. The home of the bride is in North Carolina. She was a teacher in the Okeechobee schools.

J. E. Price, proprietor of the Riverside Sales Company, and Miss Alice, daughter of County Commissioner and Mrs. W. W. Potter, were united in marriage Saturday evening. The ceremony was performed at the First Baptist church, Rev. E. L. Shuler officiating. The bride and groom left for a tour of Cuba. They will return and be at home to their friends here in a few days.

OKEELANTA

OKEELANTA, April 21.—The recent rainfall during 36 hours—Friday night and Saturday—was somewhat out of the ordinary for this time of year. What it did to us, with canal already running bank-full, can readily be guessed.

The two dredges, so long at work clearing the North New River canal of hyacinths, have finished their job, moving over to the Miami canal, where, so Mr. Little reported, they are employed at the same task.

John Anjima who, while unloading drums of gasoline, on the Daniel's

dredge, met with a serious and painful injury to his kneecap, is now at home carrying out the physician's order for rest for the leg for some time to come. The boat Liberty, so long tied up on the lake, made her way to Lauderdale as soon as the canal was open for navigation. Whether any boat will be put on the canal for a regular run between coast and Lake Okeechobee is not known.

Lawrence Will, until recently employed on a dredge near Moore Haven, paid Okeelanta, his former home town, a short visit. He and Sam Copper, with three others, dumped their camp outfit on the west bank of the canal here from off a boat in 1913. This marked the beginning of settlement in the swaggy region on the south shore of the lake. Welcome the pioneer! Ed. Covell 'left on Monday's' mail boat for northern Idaho and British Columbia. He will return immediately on the conclusion of his business there. Till then, the hotel and growing crop will be in Mrs. Covell's charge.

In preparation for the coming rainy season, Mrs. Ballinger and Mr. Anjima have put new roofing on their homes, and Mrs. Fuller's residence was given a substantial coat of tar.

The death of Mrs. Beach, a one-time resident, and mother of Mrs. L. Franz, at South Bay, was lately reported here. Particulars were not learned.

SOUTH BAY

Tex Munselle, H. O. Sebring and J. H. Gaist stopped on their way to South Shore Farms.

Dr. and Mrs. Sherman of Palm Beach accompanied Mr. and Mrs. D. Watts on a fishing trip in the latter's houseboat "U and I," this week.

SOUTH BAY, April 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Dietz were back for a three-day fishing trip, last week. Mr. Farnum took them around the lake in his boat. These two are getting to be regular visitors to South Bay and we all look forward to their arrival with pleasure. Mr. Dietz took some pictures of the egret rookery on Grassy Island. Among other guests at the South Bay Hotel were J. W. Rogers, J. H. Morris and J. H. Gaist, all of Sebring, Fla.; D. H. Zigler of Broadway, Va., and T. E. Will of Fort Lauderdale.

The Forbeses and Farnums entertained guests from Georgia the past week-end. Mrs. Lawry and Mrs. Lucy Kennedy. They drove down in their coupe. Mr. Farnum showed them around every day and South Bay entertained them every evening. Mr. Farnum showed them Lake Okeechobee on a trip to Clewiston one day. On another day they discovered the sight of their eyes on Grassy Island, where they saw egrets nesting. Mrs. Rawley gave a very nice little party for them at her home one evening. Cards were indulged in and delicious refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Rawley, Miss Alice Forbes, and Miss Lawry, Mrs. Kennedy and Eunice Farnum and Ivan Van Horn, Virgil Hicks and Murray Gay.

A pleasant Sunday was spent in Palm Beach after the Easter services here. Miss Alice Forbes accompanied the girls to Miami on Monday and they returned here Wednesday evening in time for a fare well party at the schoolhouse in their honor. McAlister's served splendid ice cream after the party and everyone wished the two a fine trip home. They left Thursday morning by way of Conners Highway. No one up in Georgia can say South Bay is dead now.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Douglas and children and Leon Steele motored out from Palm Beach Sunday to spend the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Rawley. They are all old residents of Ritta Island and Bare Beach.

The Easter song service came off in splendid form Sunday. South Bay has plenty of talent along this line but it is a problem to find time to practice. Miss Farnum, who had charge of the program, wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those who turned out so regularly every evening for two weeks in spite of all the work they have to do.

The Miami lock bridge has been completed and the crew are on their way to South Bay, where they expect to finish in a short time. Aren't we glad? The tomato season has opened up in earnest up along the lake shore where crops are a little earlier than farther back from the lake, although Raschley & Grimes expect to pick soon a mile down the North New River canal.

The South Shore Transportation Company has four boats on the job that haul from two to three carloads each. The May E. is now on the mail run, while the Estero, Glen and Fox have large barges are meeting full capacity with trucking and incoming freight.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that C. A. Daw, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 2901, dated the 7th day of August A. D. 1924,

has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law.

Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 14, Block 295, Lake Worth. The said land being assessed at the date of issuance of such certificate in the name of Wilbur H. Goodner. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 30th day of May, A. D. 1925.

Witness my official signature and seal this 18th day of April, A. D. 1925.

FRED E. FENNO, Clerk Circuit Court.

Palm Beach County, Florida, April 24-May 29

LOCKTENDERS' WEEKLY REPORT OF LAKE AND CANAL LEVELS

		LAKE GROUP				COASTAL GROUP				CALOOSA GROUP			
		Coloahatchee No. 1	Niami No. 1	North New River No. 1	Hillboro No. 1	St. Lucie No. 1	Coloahatchee No. 2	Palm Beach No. 2	Hillboro No. 2	North New River No. 2	South New River No. 2	Miami No. 2	Coloahatchee No. 3
Sunday	UPPER POOL	18.5	18.4	18.7	18.6	18.4	11.0	5.0	3.5	1.4	1.7	0.9	11.2
Monday	UPPER POOL	15.0	15.3	16.0	15.5	15.5	11.0	5.0	3.5	1.1	1.8	0.9	11.2
Tuesday	UPPER POOL	15.0	15.5	15.9	15.5	15.5	11.0	5.0	3.5	1.0	1.8	0.9	11.2
Wednesday	UPPER POOL	15.0	15.5	16.2	15.5	15.5	11.0	5.0	3.4	1.3	1.8	0.9	11.2
Thursday	UPPER POOL	18.5	18.3	18.5	18.5	18.2	11.0	4.9	3.4	1.0	1.9	0.9	11.2
Friday	UPPER POOL	15.0	15.5	15.8	15.5	15.5	11.0	5.0	3.4	0.9	1.9	0.9	11.2
Saturday	UPPER POOL	18.6	18.4	18.6	18.4	18.3	11.0	4.9	3.4	1.2	2.0	0.9	11.2
Sunday	UPPER POOL	15.0	15.5	15.9	15.5	15.5	11.0	5.0	3.5	1.1	2.0	0.9	11.2
Monday	UPPER POOL	18.6	18.3	18.7	18.3	18.2	11.0	5.0	3.5	1.7	2.1	0.8	11.2
Tuesday	UPPER POOL	15.0	15.5	16.0	15.5	15.5	11.0	5.0	3.5	1.6	2.1	0.8	11.2
Wednesday	UPPER POOL	18.5	18.3	18.9	18.6	18.5	11.0	5.2	3.6	1.9	2.3	0.8	11.3
Thursday	UPPER POOL	15.0	15.6	16.0	15.5	15.8	11.0	5.0	3.5	1.8	2.3	0.8	11.3

D. 1916, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 14, Block 295, Lake Worth. The said land being assessed at the date of issuance of such certificate in the name of Wilbur H. Goodner. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 30th day of May, A. D. 1925.

Witness my official signature and seal this 18th day of April, A. D. 1925.

FRED E. FENNO, Clerk Circuit Court.

Palm Beach County, Florida, April 24-May 29

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that C. A. Daw, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 2404, dated the 4th day of August, A. D. 1919, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 14, Block 291, Town of Lake Worth, recorded in Plat Book 2, pages 29 to 40. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of O. Emmons. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon, the 30th day of May, A. D. 1925.

Witness my official signature and seal this 18th day of April, A. D. 1925.

FRED E. FENNO, Clerk Circuit Court.

Palm Beach County, Florida, April 24-May 29

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Special Tax District Number 1 of Palm Beach County, Florida, on the 5th day of May, A. D. 1925, at the school house in Pahokee, for the purpose of electing three trustees to hold office until 1927 and to fix the number of mills of district tax for said district to be levied and collected annually for the succeeding two years.

A. S. ANDERSEN, Chairman.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Legislature of Florida will at the Regular Session, 1925, be requested to pass Special Acts relating to the following:

1. An Act authorizing the Board of Supervisors of the Palm City Drainage District in Palm Beach County, Florida, to issue and sell bonds not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars par value, to liquidate outstanding indebtedness of the District.

2. An Act authorizing the Board of Supervisors of the Highlands Glades Drainage District in Palm Beach County, Florida, to issue and sell bonds not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars par value, to provide funds to complete the work under its present Plan of Reclamation, or any amended Plan of Reclamation, or any system of dikes and pumping that may be adopted for said Highlands Glades Drainage District.

This February 17, 1925.

C. C. Chillingworth

NOTICE

To All Whom it May Concern:

There will please take notice that there will be presented to the Legislature of the State of Florida at its next regular session, a proposed bill incorporating the Town of Canal Point to include the following described territory in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit:

The West Half (W1-2) of fractional Section Twenty-three (23), the North-west Quarter (NW1-4) and the West Half (W1-2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1-4) of Section Twenty-two (22), all of fractional Section Twenty-seven (27), the West Half (W1-2) and the West Half (W1-2) of the Northeast Quarter NE1-4 of Section Thirty-four (34), and all of fractional Section Thirty-three (33), all in Township Forty-one (41) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) East.

L. D. Simon, Attorney.

3-20, 27; 4-3, 10, 17, 24; 5-1, 8, 15

COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

PLANNED AT MOORE HAVEN. MOORE HAVEN, April 28.—Owing to the fact that the city attorney was not in town the petition for an election for commission government of government was not acted upon by the city council Tuesday night. This matter will be taken up by the council as soon as the necessary legal steps can be taken.

CONSIGNMENTS OF EVERGLADES VEGETABLES SOLICITED

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Lot and tract offered at less than \$200, low down payment and very easy terms. This is by far the best bargain in the East Beach section. This offer holds for two weeks only. Get in touch with "Owner" through The Everglades News.

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MANY AVOCADO TREES TO BE PLANTED WHEN LAKE LEVEL IS FAVORABLE TO IT

With the bean crop out of the way and tomatoes to be out this month, many owners of land in the Lake Okechobee region are looking to the time when they can execute the cherished plan of setting an avocado grove, the conviction being strong that avocados will prove to be a better money-maker than anything else.

H. O. Sebring of the South Shore Farms Company, located on the lake front between Miami lock and South Bay, is reported to have bought more land lately to increase the area of what is already the largest avocado development in the world. Evidently there is a policy of expansion, for there are plans to dike and pump a larger area in that section. Land on that farm will be cleared this summer to make place for more trees.

Edward A. Forbes has diked his land on Ritta Island and will set avocados on a deal with John B. Beach of West Palm Beach. He will continue to use pumps if necessary.

The avocado trees on the Turner & Gum property on Kraemer island went through the winter in good shape, the land being diked and the trees being protected from high water by pumps. John B. Beach, a foremost authority on avocados, has a nursery on Kraemer island and his trees are in good condition, his land being in the dike-and-pump area.

S. J. Fisher of South Bay this summer will finish clearing 40 acres in section 12, northeast of South Bay, and 120 acres in section 13. The 40 acres in section 12 was bought from the Girard Realty Company last year at \$150 an acre and \$400 an acre has since been offered for it. The land is owned by C. Wayne Ward of Coral Gables and Mr. Fisher is looking after it for him. Five hundred avocado trees were set this spring on the Ward land and planting will continue as the land is cleared. Section 13 is to be diked and pumped.

J. A. Dew of West Palm Beach owns

land in the hiatus between sections 7 and 13, east of South Bay, which is being cleared preparatory to setting avocados. This development is to be pumped; a 36-inch Menger pump arrived at South Bay last week.

Five hundred of the trees that are to be set on the Ward land will be furnished from the Sebring nursery at South Bay, Mr. Fisher said. The C. E. Thomas nursery at South Bay has no avocado trees and as the Sebring nursery cannot spare more than 500 trees, the remainder for the Ward plantings will be procured from the Drawdy nursery on Snapper creek in Dade county.

Edgar Bridges, now a resident of Tampa, one of the many persons who own land in the Lake Okechobee region and intend to set avocado trees as soon as water conditions permit. Last week visited his tract on the lake front east of Miami canal, to get information as to when he can safely resume operations. His brother, who lives in Brooklyn, N. Y., and who is interested with him, looked at the property a few weeks ago. They will make decision as to plans later. Mr. Bridges is a civil engineer and was on the Gandy bridge job. He was living at Sebring when he bought five acres of Okechobee lake front to which he afterwards added 20 acres and had some trees out when the 1922 high water came on.

Marketing of the spring crop in the Lake Okechobee district is still under way but even if the market or the weather went bad next week it could still be said that it has been a profitable season. Some farmers did actually lose money, due to weather in early March which caused rust in bean fields and the heavy rain on April 18 which hurt tomatoes, but for the lake district as a whole it is correct to say that the growers more than "got by." They did this under weather conditions that were unusually bad and without having sales of peppers and eggplants to supplement

the income from the sale of beans and tomatoes.

Acresage and production will be larger next year because it is pretty well assured that the pumping plants will dry up land that has been too wet for three years and that a winter crop will be made as well as a spring crop. It is not likely that acresage and production will be more than in any previous year, however; the old-timers remember when hundreds of acres of island and lake-bed were farmed, which land cannot be farmed again until the lake goes down three or four feet, which is not likely to happen for that many years.

There is no danger of too much stuff being grown. Everything the Lake Okechobee region produced in the years of large production was sold if it could be transported, and that was at a time when the east coast had large acresage and large yield too.

Tomato men agree that the day of big production on the lower east coast will never return. There have been years when Dade county had upward of 20,000 acres of tomatoes and the per-acre yield was large but all of it was sold at prices that made thousands of men rich and built up good towns.

There has never been 4,000 acres of tomatoes in the Lake Okechobee region, and this 4,000 acres is small as compared to the 20,000 acres the Homestead territory used to have. Evidently it will be a good many years before the lake region can have 20,000 acres of tomatoes. In the meantime, with acresage of 4,000 to 10,000, there will be lots of opportunities for money to be made on tomatoes, because there is no region in which the crop can be grown at such small cost.

Crude Oil Keeps Down Sticktights

The sticktight flea when attacking poultry is found most commonly on the head parts, about the eyes, comb and wattles. They seem to be in these parts in clusters. When abundant they may be found on other parts of the body.

The chicken flea breeds largely in chicken houses and adjacent buildings frequented by the fowls, according to N. R. Mehrhoff, extension poultryman for the Florida Agricultural College.

As a precaution, poultry should be excluded from being near houses and barns, as such places are favorable for flea development and difficult to treat if they become infested.

After following above precautions, a thorough cleaning out of the chicken house and outbuildings frequented by poultry is advisable. All the material from the house should be hauled a good distance from buildings. The places where the fleas are thought to be breeding should be sprinkled with crude oil. These species cannot thrive in damp places, and if sprinkling is done two or three times a week no further breeding is likely to occur.

Another method is to scatter salt freely about the chicken house and then wet the soil down thoroughly. Fowls should not be permitted to eat the salt as it is poisonous to them.

It is rather difficult to destroy the sticktight flea on fowls. However, with a heavy infestation, a great many may be destroyed by carefully applying carbollated vasoline to the cluster of fleas on the fowls or greasing them with kerosene and lard (1 part kerosene to 2 parts lard).

O'BRIEN TO FORT MYERS

Having sold his interest in the Clewiston Supply Company store to L. L. Ramsey, Tom O'Brien has removed from Clewiston and opened a real estate office at Fort Myers. Having been in close touch with Hendry and Glades counties affairs for several years, he will maintain that contact and include it in the field of his real estate operations.

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South From Kissimmee As Part
Of Mid-State Route**

KISSIMMEE, April 26.—Endorsing proposed legislation to extend state road No. 3 to Okeechobee, making that city its terminus instead of Orlando, and recommending a county road from the St. Lucie county line to the Kenansville-Okeechobee road, representatives of Kissimmee, St. Cloud, Narcoossee, Kenansville, Fellsmere and Sebastian met in a joint meeting of road committees at the Kissimmee Chamber of Commerce last night.

In endorsing a proposed bill to make Okeechobee the terminus of state road No. 3, the committee members argued for providing an additional north and south road to the east coast, utilizing state road No. 2 from Orlando to Kissimmee as a joint section with state road No. 3, the Ocean-to-Gulf highway from Kissimmee to Holopaw Junction, state road No. 24, thence southward using the county road from Holopaw Junction to Okeechobee. Adherents of this plan point out that the road is already built over the entire distance, which fact would greatly minimize expense in providing much needed highways.

If the project above outlined is brought about it will help the movement for a mid-state road by way of Kissimmee, Okeechobee and Canal Point and Belle Glade and thence to Miami.

A VISION

Frank Friend
There came to me a vision.
I saw a future day
For Pahokee and this region
Five years from now, we'll say.
The railroad running through it
From Canal Point to Belle Glade.
Hard-surfaced road close to it
To move the crops we've made.

I saw in late November
A solid train of beams,
While early in December
Two trains were in my dreams;
To keep the railroad crowded
Is what I saw was planned;
Then all will know about it—
This rich productive land.
We then will be supplying
From fall till late in spring
The markets that are buying
The fruits this land will bring;
'Twill stop all others trying.
When our success is known,
They then will be found buying—
Some of this land they'll own.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., April 27, 1925.
Mr. Howard Sharp, Editor, The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla.

My dear Mr. Sharp: Enclosed find check for renewal of subscription. You are publishing a valuable paper. Can't we agree that the greatest need of the Everglades is reclamation? This, not "drainage," is what the swamp land act of 1850 calls for.

Then let us accept the Century dictionary definition of reclamation: "To bring to a subdued or ameliorated state; make amenable to control or use also to fit for cultivation, as wild or marshy land." This will protect us against floods, droughts, frosts and fires, and insure navigation and cultivation—each and all essential.

Drainage only, unbalanced by water control, will rapidly transform the region into a desert of dust and ashes; an abomination of desolation.
When after spending 20 years and \$11,000,000 in "drainage," we can burn up \$12,000,000 worth of Glades land in a few weeks in one limited area (state fire warden before Miami Everglades Association) it would seem to be time we got upon the act of 1850 as our platform. Sincerely yours,

THOS. E. WILL.

BELLE GLADE

J. B. Jeffries, chairman of the board of supervisors of Palm Beach drainage and highway district, visited Belle Glade Sunday and had an informal conference with land owners who reside there and at South Bay and Okeelanta. He also called on some of the farmers to get their views on district affairs. Mr. Jeffries said he and the other supervisors were disposed to have such reclamation work done as was agreeable to the resident owners but he would not start on any work that would bring on a controversy.

Captain Wertz of Fort Lauderdale, who owns a half section between Okeechobee road bridge and Belle Glade, was a member of a party of east coast motorists who had dinner at the Belle Glade Hotel.

Albert Friend of West Palm Beach, who with Pete Braley owns 40 acres north of Canal Point, was at Belle Glade Sunday to look at a tract of land he is thinking of buying.
It was understood at Belle Glade that Steve Raulerson of Fort Lauderdale has bought "Dick" Walters' place. Mr. Walters has moved to West Palm Beach and with his brother-in-law has established a bakery. Mr. Raulerson farmed on Rabbit Island in 1918, when

the lake was low. Frank Oliver of Fort Lauderdale has been a frequent visitor to Belle Glade lately. He is negotiating for the purchase of some town lots and farm tracts.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Having sold my farm will sell a four-gallon cow, and calf for \$65, also team of brood mares \$160 the pair; new set of harness \$30; new heavy wagon, suitable for team or tractor, \$130. Would sell separately.—V. H. Waggoner, Kreamer, Fla.
READY FOR SERVICE—The registered Guernsey bull "Jupiter," No. 52377. Also the purebred big type Airedale stud, "Michael Collins." For sale, a grade Jersey heifer out of a four gallon cow. Bred to bull above to freshen October first.—The Beardsleys, Ritta, 4-24-14

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